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SUBJECT:OFFER OF USG OWNED PATENT INFORMATION TO LA
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FOR USDEL GOECKERMANN

1. USDEL TO FEBRUARY 3-6, 1970 MEETING IA-ECOSOC IN
CARACAS AGREED TO A JOINT STUDY OF WAYS AND MEANS OF MAKING
AVAILABLE TO LATIN AMERICA USG OWNED PATENTS OF POTENTIAL
COMMERCIAL USEFULNESS. FOLLOWING QUOTED FROM PAGE 46 OF
REPORT OF THAT MEETING: "RECOMMENDS THAT THE LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES ACCEPT THE OFFER TRANSMITTED BY THE
DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MAKE A JOINT
STUDY OF PATENTS BELONGING TO ITS GOVERNMENT AND RELATED
TECHNICAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN PROMOTING
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT."

2. A PATENT TASK FORCE MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH OAS TO
DEVELOP DETAILS OF OFFER. LIST OF USG AVAILABLE ONLY THRU
1973 AND PROVIDED OAS. COPIES OF OFFICIAL GAZETTE LISTING
ALL US PATENTS FROM 1963 THRU 1970 OFFERED EACH MEMBER
COUNTRY OAS AND OAS. ALL COPIES GAZETTE NOT READILY
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AID TRANSMITTED TO OAS IN EARLY 1974 AFTER TRANSMITTAL DELAY REQUESTED BY OAS. COPIES OF PATENT OFFICE MANUALS OF CLASSIFICATION ALSO TRANSMITTED. PROCEDURE DEVELOPED BY

WHICH ANY PATENT IDENTIFIED BY ABSTRACT IN GAZETTE COULD BE ORDERED FROM PATENT OFFICE. MANUAL COULD BE UTILIZED TO IDENTIFY ALL PATENTS BY CLASS OR SUBGROUP. NATIONAL COMMITTEES COULD REQUEST RELATED TECHNOLOGY THRU LA SUBCOMMITTEE OF US COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. FULL DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS REPORTED BY USDEL TO APRIL 27, 1970 MEETING OF IA-ECOSOC SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION IN WASHINGTON. PROJECT HAS DIED SLOW DEATH PRIMARILY DUE TO SHIFT IN INTEREST WITHIN OAS TO PILOT PROJECT ON TECHNOLOGY.

3. DURING APRIL 16-MAY 3, 1970 VISIT TO VENEZUELA, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA AND JAMAICA, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE STANS MADE AN OFFER TO HIS HOST GOVERNMENTS OF COMMERCE WILLINGNESS TO FACILITATE TRANSFER OF USG OWNED PATENTS TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS WISHING TO UTILIZE THEM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES. CA-6353, DEC. 22, 1970 WAS FOLLOW-UP TO VISIT IN WHICH BRAZILIA ADDRESSEE. LIST OF USG OWNED PATENTS GRANTED 1958-68 WAS ATTACHED TO CA FOR TRANSMITTAL TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INDICATION IN DOCUMENTS READILY AVAILABLE THAT STANS USED SAME LANGUAGE IN EACH OFFER. COMMERCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CONSULTING RETIRED FILES AND IF POSITION PAPER OR COPY OF STATEMENT FOUND, WILL FORWARD SEPTEL.

4. PATENT OFFICE UNABLE SUPPLY DETAILS BUT HAS SUPPLIED LISTS USG OWNED PATENTS TO NUMBER LA GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS.

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